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PREFACE.

Expecting
Counsel, Courage
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Entirely **CATCH ME** Ever
Reading Remarkable,
Persons Perhaps,
Reading **IF YOU CAN.** Reliable
Examining, Encouragement
From For
Accrue, Actual
Can, Contest
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Dedication.

DEDICATED
TO ALL LOVERS
—OF—
WISDOM AND EDUCATION,
BY THE AUTHOR.
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Get Wisdom and Educate.

SIGHT.

*Get wisdom and educate.
Employ all thy strength toward
The perfecting of, for you,
While combating with the ac-
Id trials and labors, yea,
Severe tasks of earth sin-girt,
Defense. Oh, well train the eye!
Operate, scrutinize, a-
Midst all the obstacles, an-
Alyze with due care myriad,
Nay, numberless wonders; bring,
Devotedly, all to the
Eternal Creator. Light
Descends from His Hand; and how
Unwearied the windows (I
Call them) of the soul, let, yes,
Ask it to enter the mind,
Thus well assisting thee to
Educate and get wisdom.

* Solomon.

SIGHT.

Get wisdom and educate.
Exult with thy heart, for God
Thine eyes has unclosed, that thou,
[3]WITHOUT the least stint, may lic-
Itly apprehend, with a
Sweet transport, the beauties that
Deline His [4]GREAT [2]EXCELLENCE.
Oh, let thy light-houses a-
Mid the obscurities, an
Aberrant dark sphere attend,
Neglect not the opening,
Distinctly, of all that the
Exterior world present!
Devotedly [5]LABOR, show
Unbending attention (I
Command) with thy living eyes,
As thy bright days roll onward,
That thou *[1]NO chances lose to
Educate and get wisdom.

*COMMON PROVERB.

HEARING.

Get wisdom and educate,
Exert thy quick ears, the grand
Tel'phones of the mind, giv'n you,
Wherewith to enjoy with doc-
Ity on a solid ba-
Sis, harmonies grand and sweet
Delightful and valu'ble.
Oh, make thy tympanums a-
Mass these great treasures; an-
Alyze their intrinsic and
Nutritious importance; cling
Devoutly to all of the
Essential instructions, that
Develop [2]THYSELF; and *[1]KNOW,
Unless they are stamped suffi-
Cient deep on thy memory's
Accurate page, and there held
Tightly, they'll never help to
Educate and get wisdom!

*SOLON.

HEARING.

Get wisdom and educate.
Exclude from thy [4]EARS the word
Traducent, profane. In lieu,
Without a delay illic-
It, welcome the truth, and rea-
son's maxims; conclusions [2]THAT
Determine the right, and the
Obvious principles a
Man may with safety attain.
Attentively [9]HEAR all God
Necessitates thee, to bring
Deliverance from all the
Emergencies *[1]HE [3]HATH sent.
Decide [5]TO [6]HEAR [8]HIM, and show
Unfailing respect, effi-
Cient love to His Holy Books,
And [7]LET thy memory aid
Thee to complete the work—to
Educate and get wisdom.

* BIBLE.

TASTE.

Get wisdom and educate.
Educe from the blessings God
Throws into thy path, show'rs you
With daily, the hygi'nic,
Invigorous strength, eva-
Sive of Bacchanal's repast.
Deceive not thyself, because
Onerous duties wait a-
Mid the great work, uneven
Ascent of thy life,—demand
Nice care. As, then, ev'rything
Distribute by this sense
Exerts a great power, let
Discretion be used, for how
Unbending's the influ'ence (I
*[1]CONSIDER) this organ has.
Advocate, then, to [2]THE [3]END,
Truth's hygienic, and so
Educate and get wisdom.

* CHILO.

TASTE.

Get wisdum and educate-
Extract from all climes the good
Terrestial, so that thou
Will have a pure temple tac-
Itly by it teaching a
Supremacy over what
Deranges the appetite.
Oh *[1]TOUCH [2]NOT, [5]HANDLE [6]NOT, a-
Midst the excitement of an
Aspiring and restless world,
'Ny substance designed to bring
Destruction and woe to thee!
Examine with care all that
Delighteth thy [3]TASTE, and show
Unyielding respect, effi-
Cient honor to all the laws
As hygienic are held;
Thus [4]NOT to check the work—to
Educate and get wisdom.

*BIBLE.

SMELL.

Get wisdom and educate.
Exhalents arise, the good,
Transcendent, and pure, for you
Without the least doubt implic-
Itly to enjoy. Persua-
Sively thy olfactor treat,
Denying it none of the
Odors refreshing that a
Mate [3]OPPORTUNITY, in
Appreciable and good.
No pains should thou spare to bring
Desirable fragrance — the
Essential constituent —
Directly to [2]THY use. *[1]KNOW
Unusual care, suffi-
Cient watching, so that the fumes,
As from the still they proceed,
Tear not thy efforts down to
Educate and get wisdom.

*PITTACUS.

SMELL.

Get wisdom and educate.
Exclude from thy nostrils and
Thy lungs, every thing that you,
While laboring hard with lic-
It efforts to *[1]GATHER a
Secure store of wisdom that
Does fit thee to educate,
  Obviously impairs, a-
  Midst the great duties that an
Assuming fast age demand
Nice care as thou pass along.
Direct [3]IN-to [2]THEM the pure,
Essential ambrosial, that
Delight all thy veins, bestow
Unfeigned and great strength, effi-
Cient power for all thy works,—
  Active and powerful and
  Tangible element to
  Educate and get wisdom.

*COMMON CHORUS.

FEELING.

Get wisdom and educate.
Endeavor with all the grand
Thread-work that's pervading you.
Within and throughout, the tac-
In monitor guardian — a
Swift messenger for the light,
Destruction, and peace, and woe,
Openly, secretly, a-
Mid the commotions of [2]MEN
Assumptively good and [4]BAD,
Neglecting not joy to bring,
Delivering it to the
Extreme and *[1]MOST quiet part,
Deceiving thee not; grief, how
Unable the secret (I
Conclude) the great crowd of nerves
[3]ARE to retain; and all grand
Thoughts by them spread, received — to
Educate and get wisdom.

*BIAS

FEELING.

Get wisdom and educate.
Effect by this sense, the "Lord
Though servent of all," what thou
Will fail with the rest. Elic-
It by its entwining, rea-
Soning, and great power, that
Directs all the others, the
Obstacles which thou need, a-
Mid all the labors which an
Assuming, unprincipled,
Nay, merciless world belong.
Detect by the many, the
Exact and quick nerves, all that
Devotion to truth and law,
Unfailingly bring—effi-
Cient aid and protection, bliss
Actual, knowledge profound,
Training remarkable. O,
Educate and get wisdom.

*Calvin.

ALL THE SENSES.

Get wisdom and educate.
Examine with care the world
Throughout, with the means giv'n you,
With faculties, these public.
[3]IMPOSSIBLE 't[2]is [4]TO rea-
Son, lead to the mind, without
Depending upon their use,
Only and wholly. And a
Mighty, as well as contin-
'Al effort should thou extend;
No [5]INDUSTRY and *NO-THING
Discreet should thou spare; that the
Estatic enjoyment that
Distinguish thee, and bestow
Unusual force, profi-
Cient power in all thy ways.
Augur success, may reward
Thee in thy diligence to
Educate and get wisdom.

*PERIANDER.

ALL THE SENSES.

Get wisdom and educate.
Elect by these senses, and
Triumphantly use, all thou
Will need to thyself fit lic-
Itly, to transact well, sea-
Sonably, the business that
Devolve without doubt on thee,
Of a *[1]NECESSITY. A
Magical power often
Abused have these organs. And
No virtue and ev'ry thing
Devised, ev'ry [3]LAW and the
Entire education that
Distinguish thee, but show,
Unboundedly, the suffi-
Ciency of these faculties.
All the great powers [2]KNOW(S) and
Them all employ to help to
Educate and get wisdom.

*COMMON PROVERB.

THE TONGUE.

Get wisdom and educate.
Extreme be thy watching and
Thy care that in prudence thou
With all thy temptations ac-
Id tri'ls forget not to sea-
Son gracefully all thy thought
Delivered. Let kindness, [3]THE
Oil [5]OF law, gentleness, a
Mild and invalu'ble, an
Associate heav'nly, lend
No little invig'rating,
Decided refulgence — the
Ethereal element; —
Dear [1]SURETYSHIP bestow,
Unusual; cause suffi-
Cient [6]RUIN to all thy foes;
And a [4]PRECURSER be, and
Truthful expositor to
Educate and get wisdom.

*THALES.

THE TONGUE.

Get wisdom and educate.
[2] Excess in thy speech *[1] avoid.
Thy tongue, the great power thou
Wield, worthily and explic-
Itly use. Distill in sea-
Son and with success, the light,
Devotion to truth, alone,
Opens to ev'ry one,—a
Magnetism causing a san-
Ative, irresistive, and
Nutritious result. And strong
Deductions from prem'ses the
Expressions of which can not
Denied by none be, thou blow,
Until They're accepted. I-
Cy language avoid. It shows
Adamantean heart, and
Thought not conducible to
Educate and get wisdom.

* Cleobulus.

WISDOM OR WEALTH.

Get wisdom and educate.
Essay not to live for gold,
Thy *[1] MILLIONS may perish thou
Work slavishly [2] FOR. Rapac-
Ity knows no bounds, unrea-
Sonable and arrogant,
Devoid of the finer, the
Obvious feelings that a
Man with the image of an
Almighty Creator should,
May, must have. [4] BUT anything
[3] DEFENSE may suggest, require,
Expect, thou should [5] NOT [6] ONE [7] CENT
Deny. But with freedom show
Unusual grace, profi-
Cient training [8] FOR happiness,
Actual, real, and thus spend
[9] TRIBUTE and principal to
Educate and get wisdom.

* PICKNEY.

WISDOM OR WEALTH.

Get wisdom and educate.
Extol far above thy gold,
*[1]THE traits that belong to you
Without any doubt. Implic-
It trust in thy [4]MONEY, trea-
Son is to thy Maker. Let
Discretion control thy [2]LOVE.
Obsequies claim all wealth. A
Monument infinite, an
Authentical sign [3]OF God,
Necessitating all strong
Deductions [8]OF truth to thee
Essential, [5]IS wisdom that
Devoutly inclines to bow,
Until [9]ALL [6]THE [10]EVIL (I
Conclude) is out-[7]ROOT-ed. Yes,
Actuated and controlled
Thus, to thy work proceed to
Educate and get wisdom.

*BIBLE.

WISDOM OR FAME.

Get wisdom and educate.
Excessive desire attend
Thee all the day long that thou
Win fame's fading crown. Capac-
Ity [2]HAVE *[1]WE [3]MET for trea-
Sonable ambition? that
Demoniac, who, because
Opposites bow do not a-
Mid [4]THE engagements of an
Austere world, becomes enraged.
No [5]ENEMY is so strong,
Deceitful as envy, the
Extract of ambition. It
Destroys friendships sweet; [7]THEY show,
Unfailingly, that his I-
Cy touch paralizes [9]OURS.
[8]ARE we not ready to spend,
Thoroughly, all our time to
Educate [6]AND get wisdom?

*PERRY.

WISDOM OR FAME.

Get wisdom and educate.
Emphatic attempts to hold
Thyself from the height which thou
[5] Will find thee enticed illic-
Itly, should thou make. Unrea-
Sonable ambition, that
Dethrones all the race from the
Opulence, Happiness a
[3] Mighty Creator has in
A state of Protection! [4] And
No [1] truth's so encouraging,
Discounted, as this: That the
Eternal Preserver that
Directs both above, below,
Until all that [2] is defi-
Cient shall be perfected, says:
Ask thou for wisdom—by and
Through it thou shall [6] prevail. O,
Educate and get wisdom!

* Bible.

EXAMPLES.

Get wisdom and educate.
Examples of [8]THIS the world
Throughout her great record, thou
Will find, has presented. Lic-
[11]It labors, and earnest, rea-
Sonable endeavors brought
Distinctly to notice the
Orators, statesmen, and a
Mighty array of those an-
Alyzers of all the world,
Nay, universe — ev'ry thing.
Devote all thy [14]SUMMER, the
Expanding resources, that
Develop, [2]PROPOSE [3]TO show.
Unroll the mind's strength, [10]IF (*[1]I
Command) [5]IT [6]OUT-[9]LINE success.
Ably [4]FIGHT [7]ON, and work, and
[12]TAKE sure swift courage, [13]ALL to
Educate and get wisdom.

* GRANT.

EXAMPLES.

Get wisdom and educate.
Examples I still append,
That courage essential thou
Will have to proceed with lic-
It efforts to gain, what a
Sweet consciousness craves, with that
Desire, *[1] FIRST, which lives [12] OF thee.
Onorous duties, [4] FIRST, a
Multitude have performed [5] IN
A [6] PEACE-able way. Attained
None have without suffering
Determined [2] IN [3] WAR, all the
Experience [7] AND delight
Depainted [9] IN wisdom's law.
Until, [14] COUNTRYMEN, defi-
Ciencies remove from our [11] HEARTS
Are, we should ask [10] THE great God,
To [13] HIS strength share, [8] FIRST, last. O,
Educate and get wisdom!

* OF WASHINGTON.

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